

behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

HONORING CAROL A. WILEY AND
RONALD SCOTT YOUNG

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Carol A. Wiley and Mr. Ronald Scott Young for their years of service to the community. These two outstanding citizens were recognized this past weekend at the annual Freedom Fund dinner for their commitment to the Darby area NAACP branch.

Carol is a lifetime member of the Darby area NAACP branch, and has served for over 10 years as branch treasurer and co-coordinator of the annual Freedom Fund banquet. She also volunteers with the Sharon Hill School, and was a group leader for a 4-H program in Darby Township/Sharon Hill. In addition, Carol is a lifetime member of the Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church of Darby Township, where she serves on the Usher Board and often coordinates the annual fashion show.

Carol grew up in Darby Township, PA, with her dad, Richard A. Stewart, an electrician, and her mother, Clemie, a homemaker. The youngest of three children, Carol was educated in the Southeast Delco School District and attended Darby Township High School. Carol graduated from Apex Beauty School and is an experienced beautician. During the last year, she has been sharing her love for cooking with Conversation's Catering, a new catering company located in Sharon Hill, PA. Carol is married to Alex, and is the mother of four children: Sheila A. Carter, Donna Dailey, Charles Roberts and Andre Harrison. She is also blessed with seven grandchildren.

Mr. Ronald Scott Young joined the Darby area branch in 1988, and he initially served as 1st vice president, and later assumed the duties of secretary. He has been a valuable asset to the branch, recruiting new members, raising money, and working to complete whatever task is at hand.

Ron's contributions to the community include serving as Cub Scout Master for Pack 189 for the past 45 years, and as treasurer at Southwest Community Enrichment Center of southwest Philadelphia. He is also an active member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in southwest Philadelphia, where he serves on the Senior Choir and monitors the summer cleaning project. As a result of his involvement, Mt. Zion holds a life membership with the Darby area NAACP branch. Ron's devoted family includes wife Lucille, sons Scott and Drake, daughters Donna and Nicole, granddaughter Tempest and grandson Ryan.

Through their contributions to the community, Carol and Ron have shown their commitment to the NAACP's mission of ensuring the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carol and Ron for their years of service, and to thank them for their hard work for the NAACP.

HONORING JASON SCOTT
BARMANN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jason Scott Barmann of Platte City, Missouri. Jason is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jason has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Jason has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jason Scott Barmann for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
TERRANCE J. "TERRY" WILSON,
FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
HILLSBOROUGH CLASSROOM
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of Terrance J. "Terry" Wilson, and to acknowledge his tireless work for the teachers, children, and all of us in Hillsborough County.

Terry was born in Everett, Massachusetts October 22, 1942. After graduating from Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School in 1960, he moved to Tampa to attend the University of Tampa. A member of the Class of 1965, he graduated with degrees in business administration and economics and then went on to obtain a master's degree from the University of South Florida in 1968.

During Terry's four year tenure as a social studies teacher at Leto High School in Tampa, he became actively involved in the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association. During that time, he witnessed a teachers' strike, poor benefits, and failing students, and he found his calling as an advocate for creating a better environment for both teachers and students in the community's classrooms. As his wife, Elizabeth Wilson, explains it, "He just saw that teachers were extremely dedicated and selfless. They weren't going to spend a lot of time speaking up for themselves."

For decades, Terry dedicated his career to tirelessly defending Hillsborough County school teachers. Fellow members elected him to two terms as president of the Association, and he later served as executive director from 1989 to 2000. He fought for higher teacher salaries, sick leave pay, early retirement, and better health insurance, and he spear-headed efforts to create the Center for Technology for teachers.

The Tampa community honors the life of Terry Wilson for his outstanding contributions to teachers. His service to the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association has made a lasting mark on education in the Tampa area.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF SOLANO COALITION FOR BET-
TER HEALTH EXECUTIVE DIREC-
TOR PATRICK HUGHES

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise with the support of my colleague, Hon. GEORGE MILLER, in the House of Representatives, to recognize Patrick S. Hughes, Ed.D, who has faithfully served the residents of Solano County since 1990.

Mr. Hughes has dedicated over 18 years to the community. After serving as assistant to the city manager for the city of Vacaville, Mr. Hughes shifted his focus to the community health arena where his innovation and accomplishments have made him a leader in his field.

During his tenure with the Solano Coalition for Better Health, SCBH, Mr. Hughes has implemented initiatives and strategies that promote access to health care, have improved population health, continue to support policy advancement, and increase community organization.

As a result of his work and dedication, great strides have been made in eradicating disparities in health care throughout the community, especially in our youth population.

Mr. Hughes designed and facilitated a comprehensive strategy to enroll children in appropriate health care coverage that is currently experiencing record success. In conjunction with successful fundraising efforts, this helped lead Solano County to the coveted distinction as one of the "100 Best Communities for Young People," as recognized by the America's Promise Alliance, for 2 consecutive years.

Building on his achievements in children's health awareness, Mr. Hughes has also made a commitment to decreasing the disparities in health care within minority communities in Solano County. Under his leadership, a major initiative is underway aimed at eliminating the disparities in health status that impact the African-American residents of Solano County. Attention to these disparities received a concentrated focus with the successful celebration, "Champions for African-Americans," sponsored by the SCBH.

Taking his vision and dedication to the national stage, Mr. Hughes recently completed a 2-year term as president of Communities Joined in Action, a national organization supporting community efforts to increase access to health care.

Mr. Patrick Hughes's many accomplishments have immeasurably improved Solano County and enriched the life of its residents. Mr. MILLER and I thank him for his years of public service and wish him success and happiness in his future endeavors.